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TO: DMH Everyone

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SUBJECT: **NEW PROGRAM HEAD AT RIO HONDO COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH CENTER**

We are pleased to announce the selection of Mr. Louis Suncin, LCSW, as the new Mental Health Clinical Program Head of Rio Hondo Community Mental Health Center. Mr. Suncin has worked with Los Angeles County since 1988 and joined the Department of Mental Health (DMH) in 1991 as a Community Services Coordinator in the AB 3632 program. For the past twenty years, Louis has held a series of increasingly responsible positions within DMH while working to complete his Masters in Social Welfare from UCLA in 2003. During his tenure as a Psychiatric Social Worker, Mr. Suncin worked at Hollywood Mental Health and Northeast Mental Health, before joining the Skid Row Management Team at Downtown Mental Health Center (DMHC) in 2008. Louis has been an integral member of the management team assuming oversight and supervisory responsibility for the center's Full Service Partnership (FSP) program at DMHC and assuming a leadership role with DMHC's Field Capable Clinical Services (FCCS) program at the JWCH Center for Community Health.

Some of the recent accomplishments of Mr. Suncin include his work with Mr. Larry Hurst, District Chief to help develop, coordinate, and direct operational, regulatory and fiscal matters for the various DMH programs in the Skid Row community. Louis is highly regarded and has clearly demonstrated over many years his responsible approach to whatever work assignment is given to him. He is enthusiastic, caring, and effective.

Mr. Suncin was selected from a large group of qualified candidates and will step into his new position this week. Rio Hondo staff has met with Mr. Suncin several times over the past month and eagerly await their new manager. As well, Ms. Suarez and I wish to extend our sincere appreciation to Mr. Len Tower who has managed Rio Hondo over the past several months as the search for a permanent center manager was conducted.

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Thank you, Len, for the positive environment you established during your months at the clinic. Many of the center's staff have praised your efforts and are indeed grateful.

Please join us in welcoming Mr. Louis Suncin, to his new position as Mental Health Clinical Program Head over operations at Rio Hondo. Thank you!

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c: Louis Suncin, L.C.S.W.
Larry Hurst, L.C.S.W.
Len Tower